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Ramadan Iftar Dinner

16 September 2009

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You accepted an invitation from Mary Rose Oakar, President of the Arab American Anti-Discrimination Committee to speak at a Ramadan Iftar dinner held at the Bint Jebail Cultural Center in Dearborn, MI.

Upon your arrival at about 1830 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] will greet and escort you inside the cultural center where you will be met by George Little, Chief of Media Relations, to prepare for several private media interviews. The Middle East Broadcasting Network will interview you first followed by Voice of America. After your recorded interviews, you will hold a short session with print reporters from *TIME*, the *Associated Press*, *Reuters*, *The Detroit News*, *Detroit Free Press*, *Arab American News*, and *Chaldean News*. Our regular beat reporters and local Detroit affiliates are invited to listen to your remarks before dinner, but will not attend this private media session.

At about 1900 you will be taken to a private room for a ten-minute break. [REDACTED] will accompany you as you mingle with guests until 1930. Please note out of respect for Muslims attending the event most people will not drink until the fast is broken at about 2015. While socializing, you may have a beverage on hand in a discreet location.

At about 1935 guests will be directed to their seats and [REDACTED] will make welcoming remarks and introduce you. You will speak for approximately 20 minutes (no Q&A). Your remarks are open to the media.

Following your remarks, the Imams and the Chaldean Bishop will bless the crowd and dinner. The fast will be broken and dinner will be served at about 2015. After dinner, at about 2100, you will briefly visit each table thanking guests. You are scheduled to depart at about 2115.

Background:

Iftar refers to the evening meal when Muslims break their fast after sunset (Maghrib) during the Islamic month of Ramadan. It is a religious observance and is often done as a community.

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Attachments:

Head Table Seating

Dinner Menu

Agency Guests Attending

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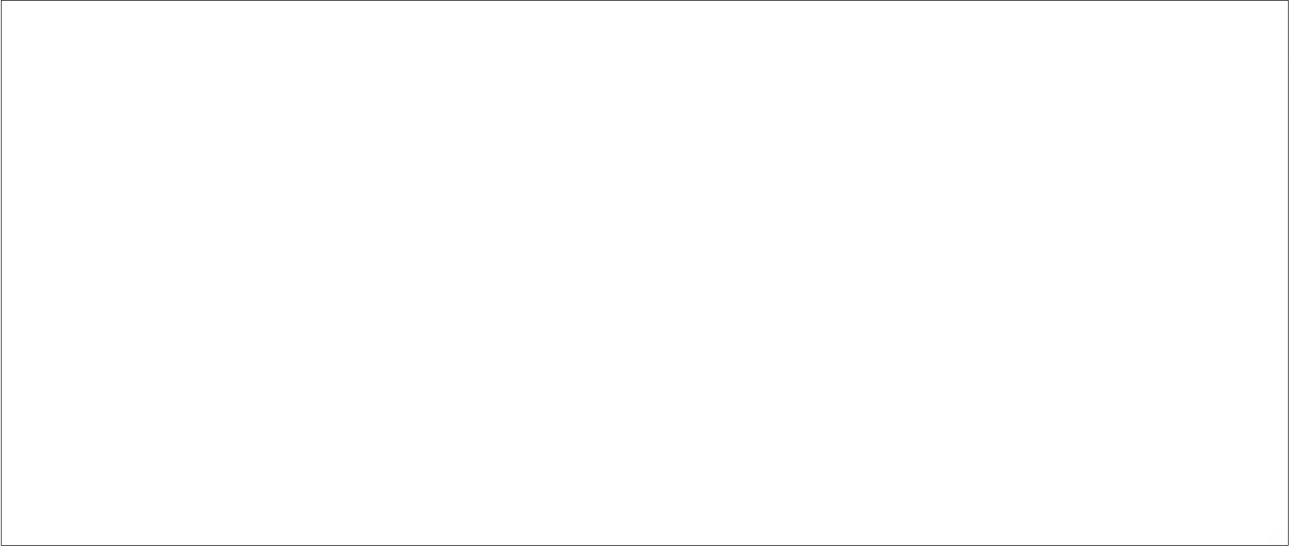
Wednesday, 16 September 2009
Bint Jebail Cultural Center
Dearborn, MI

Sequence of Events

1830	D/CIA arrival at Bint Jebail Cultural Center Greeted by <input data-bbox="678 550 1338 604" type="text"/> <input data-bbox="509 590 1271 646" type="text"/>
1830-1900	D/CIA participates in private press interviews George Little, Chief of Media Relations, Office of Public Affairs
1900-1910	D/CIA private break
1910-1930	D/CIA mingles with guests, accompanied by <input data-bbox="1141 840 1438 896" type="text"/>
1930	Guests are seated
1935-1945	Welcome remarks by <input data-bbox="826 993 1107 1047" type="text"/> and introduction of D/CIA
1945-2005	D/CIA remarks (no Q&A)
2005-2015	Blessing of crowd and dinner by Imams and Chaldean Bishop
2015-2100	Dinner commences
2100-2115	D/CIA departs

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Head Table Seating

Subject to change

Mr. Leon E. Panetta, Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

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Dinner Menu
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Dinner will be served family style, with platters of food placed on the tables to be passed around.

FIRST COURSE

Lentil and Chard soup
Fattouch (mixed salad with crispy pita chips)
Vegetarian grape leaves
Hummus (dip made with chickpeas, tahini, lemon and garlic)
Baba Ghanouj (dip made with eggplant)
Pita bread

SECOND COURSE:

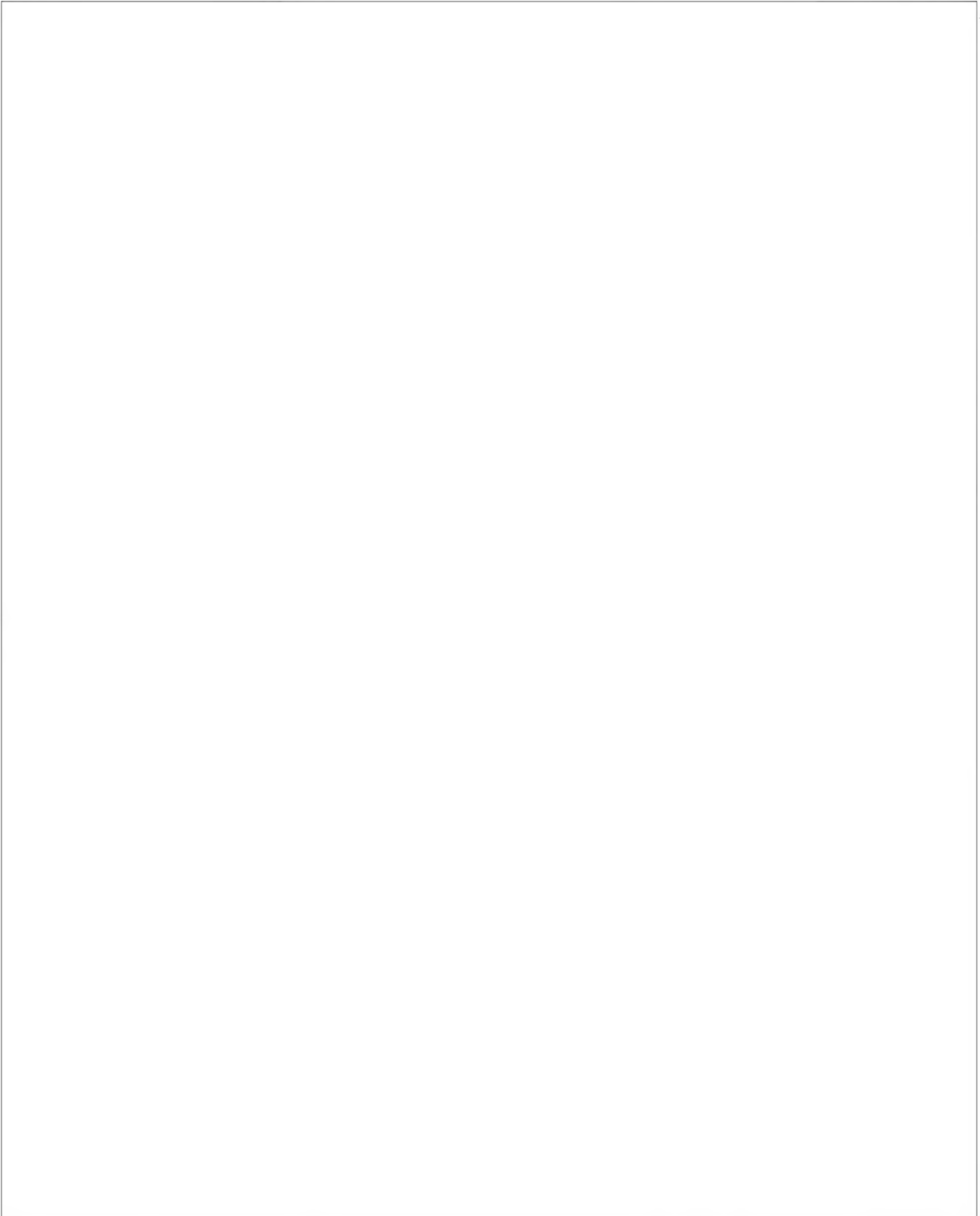
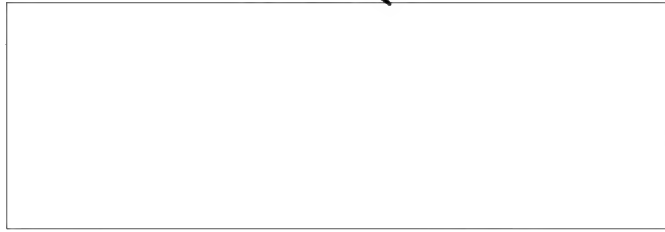
Baked Yukon Gold potatoes
Green beans with caramelized onions
Oven baked chicken with lemon and garlic
White rice with raisins, topped with lamb chunks and roasted nuts

DESSERT:

Fresh fruit table
Middle Eastern pastries

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